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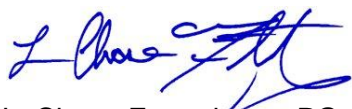
Subject: Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site  
Supplemental Remedial Investigations/Feasibility Studies  
Monthly Progress Report, November 2013

Dear Jim:

Attached is the 81<sup>st</sup> monthly progress report for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Site) Supplemental Remedial Investigations/Feasibility Studies (SRI/FS). The monthly progress report is submitted per Paragraph 37 of the February 2007 Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC), Docket No. V-W-07-C-864, and Section 7.1 of the associated Statement of Work (SOW). This report is also submitted per Paragraph 19a of the 2007 AOC for Removal Action (Docket No. V-W-07-C-863) and Paragraph 19a of the 2009 AOC for Removal Action (Docket No. V-W-09-C-925).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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**Monthly Progress Report for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/  
Kalamazoo River Superfund Site SRI/FS**

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**Significant Developments and Activities during the Period:**

- On November 12, 2013, Georgia-Pacific hosted a conference call with USEPA and MDEQ to discuss draft comments related to the revised *Draft Area 1 FS*.
- On November 14, 2013, Georgia-Pacific hosted a conference call with USEPA, MDEQ, and the project Work Group to discuss fish trend projections presented in the revised *Draft Area 1 FS*.
- On November 18, 2013, Georgia-Pacific participated in a conference call with USEPA-Superfund and USEPA-GLNPO to discuss design and schedule related to removal of the Otsego Township Dam.
- On November 19, 2013, Georgia-Pacific received an e-mail from USEPA containing preliminary comments on the revised *Draft Area 2 SRI Report*.
- On November 19, 2013, AMEC, on behalf of Georgia-Pacific, submitted a draft response to USEPA's October 30, 2013 draft comments on the revised *Draft Area 1 FS*.
- On November 20, 2013, AMEC, on behalf of Georgia-Pacific, submitted a draft response to MDEQ's October 30, 2013 draft comments on the revised *Draft Area 1 FS*.
- On November 21, 2013, Georgia-Pacific, USEPA, MDEQ, and their consultants met to discuss draft comments on the revised *Draft Area 1 FS*, preliminary comments on the revised *Draft Area 2 SRI Report*, preliminary approach to the Area 2 ASTM, and the upcoming submittal of the *Draft Area 3 SRI Report*. During the meeting, USEPA verbally indicated that an extension to the November 30, 2013 *Draft Area 3 SRI Report* submittal deadline would be granted and that the extended deadline date would be determined following complete review of the revised *Draft Area 2 SRI Report*. On November 22, 2013, Georgia-Pacific submitted a written request to extend the deadline to a date to be determined following complete review of the revised *Draft Area 2 SRI Report*, and USEPA approved the extension in writing the same day.
- Georgia-Pacific awaits the following:
  - MDEQ's complete response to the January 9, 2013 Freedom of Information Act request.
  - USEPA final comments on the revised *Draft Area 2 SRI Report*, submitted September 20, 2013.
  - A revised submittal due date for the *Draft Area 3 SRI Report* from USEPA.

**Data Collected and Field Activities Conducted during the Period**

Georgia-Pacific's contractor, Cardo JFNew, began bank maintenance in the Plainwell No. 2 Dam Area in accordance with the October 2013 technical memo in November. The work was suspended due to high river levels. Cardo JFNew completed planting the replacement willow live plants in Removal Area 6B and the additional live willow plants in Removal Areas 7, 8 and 9B in the former Plainwell Impoundment Area in November.

**Laboratory Data Received during the Period**

- None.

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**Problems**

- None.

**Actions Taken to Correct Problems**

- NA.

**Developments Anticipated during the Next Two Reporting Periods**

- Georgia-Pacific anticipates receipt of USEPA final comments on the revised *Draft Area 2 SRI Report*.
- Georgia-Pacific anticipates establishment of a new submittal deadline for the *Draft Area 3 SRI Report*.
- Georgia-Pacific anticipates completion of the bank maintenance in the Plainwell No. 2 Dam Area in December, weather permitting.
- Georgia-Pacific plans to meet with USEPA-Superfund and USEPA-GLNPO on January 23, 2014 to discuss design and schedule related to removal of the Otsego Township Dam.
- Georgia-Pacific anticipates completion of Area 4 reconnaissance activities started the week of October 21, 2013 in December 2013.